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**OBAMA IN ACTION.** President Barack Obama, prior to his inauguration, meets with his Economic Recovery Team to discuss the economic crisis the United States now finds itself in. President Obama has been working closely with the House and Senate to pass a massive stimulus package largely devised by this team.

PHOTO SOURCE: *The Washington Times*

## Recession grips America

### President, Congress work out deal for relief

**Jimmy Sengenberger**  
News Editor

The United States Senate reached a tentative deal Friday on an economic recovery package, valued at more than \$800 billion, just a day after President Barack Obama warned of economic "catastrophe" last Thursday night if a massive stimulus package does not receive swift passage.

"A failure to act, and act now, will turn crisis into a catastrophe and guarantee a longer recession, a less robust recovery and a more uncertain future," Obama said on February 4.

With the United States deep in a recession that began in December of 2007, the Obama administration has worked vigorously to implement a massive package intended to soften the blow and stimulate a quick turnaround in the economy.

The unemployment rate for January was 7.6%, and economists expect that number will increase as businesses like Circuit City close their doors or layoff workers.

Typically, the government uses monetary policy tools of interest rate cuts

longer grow."

The Federal Reserve, which is responsible for interest rate cuts, has already taken the unprecedented step of setting key interest rates below 1%. These monetary tools have thus far been ineffective and have not succeeded

ets, there will be a boost in consumer demand for goods and services, which will help push the economy out of the recession.

The plan also includes tax credits and other tax incentives for businesses intended to promote job creation.

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to spur an increase in loan distributions to help stimulate the economy. However, due to an absence of credit in the financial markets, which are made up primarily of banks, those markets have been severely weakened.

"The financial sector is so fundamental to every other sector because [it] controls credit, and the availability of credit affects people's access to money for investment purposes, and investment is what we need for growth," said Dr. Robin Koenigsberg, professor of economics. "When credit dries up it's problematic because companies can no

ed in getting credit flowing again, thereby forcing the government to turn to fiscal policy measures of tax and spend to influence the economy.

The House and Senate have each agreed on their own version of the bill, sharing two fundamental goals: more than \$300 billion in tax cuts, in the form of tax rebates, and roughly \$500 billion in infrastructure spending.

Under the Obama plan, the government would distribute tax rebate checks of \$500 for individuals and \$1000 for families. The idea is that by putting more money in people's pock-

If enacted, the government would also spend upwards of \$500 billion on public works projects, such as roads, bridges and green technology, in hopes of creating jobs and improving long-term economic growth.

"There is no disagreement that we need action by our government, a recovery plan that will help to jumpstart the economy," asserted President Obama on January 9, less than two weeks before his inauguration.

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# Economy hits Romero House

**Bobby Guerrero**  
Staff Reporter

The winds of the financial storms have hit Regis.

While we were away for break, departments all across the university were asked to assess their budgets to come up with "scenarios" in which they could make cuts. For Director of University Ministries Pete Rogers, along with Vice President of Mission Tom Reynolds, the focus came upon Romero House. And as a result of their evaluation, Romero House will be suspended for the 2009-2010 school year.

On Monday January 26, University Ministries held a meeting open to all students and staff to explain the situation, voice opinions and share experiences. At this meeting, Reynolds began by explaining that this decision was made due to the financial realities that are occurring today. He also stressed that a decision for Romero House staying exactly as is may mean a

decision against someone's job here at Regis.

With the cold, hard financial facts laid out on the table, others began relaying their experiences with

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Romero House.

This began with Nicole, a current Romero House resident, who argued that it is "the qualities [of social justice and service] that make it necessary to Regis University." This set the tone for the rest of the evening. Many other current Regis students recounted their experience and, in turn, easily made clear the prevailing thought: Romero House is an invaluable experience and an essentially necessary part of the Regis community.

The major idea to come out of this

meeting was that Romero House may not have to close. Many at the meeting expressed their own ideas about how Regis and, more importantly, the students who love Romero House can

take a creative approach to keep it open.

The dialogue is ongoing, but as of now Romero House will be taking a hiatus for next year with plans to bring it back the following year.

*Anyone interested in supporting the cause of keeping Romero House open can join the Google Group "Romero House Planning Committee" at <http://groups.google.com/group/RoHoplan>*

## A letter to Regis University students:

We're all aware of the current turmoil in the American economy. Many companies and higher education institutions are responding to the downturn with large-scale downsizing involving significant layoffs and major cutbacks in services. Regis is by no means immune to these current economic challenges, but at the same time I want you to know that we are managing our budgets wisely to ensure we can continue to meet student needs and position the University for a strong future.

Although Regis is affected by the current economy, we have thus far avoided major cut backs. In order to keep the school in the black for this fiscal year that ends April 30, Regis has made minor adjustments, spending less on special events like the Christmas party and requiring our employees who accumulate vacation to take some of those paid days off during this fiscal year.

When I look ahead to our budget for the next fiscal year, it seems likely

that our students whose family finances are impacted by this downturn will need more financial aid to continue their education. We want to do what we can to help those students. First, we will make our tuition increase very modest. The increase will be significantly less than the increase we contemplate in financial aid. Second, since most Regis financial aid comes from the operating budget, we feel it is necessary to cut expenses in next year's budget wherever possible, including operating with fewer employees. Therefore, last week we invited those employees who may find it advantageous to their personal situation, to consider a voluntary layoff. The University will provide special benefits and assistance to those who choose to transition to new work.

It is my hope that once we have clarity on the savings achieved through the cuts we have made already and the voluntary layoff program, we will be able to move forward with a balanced budget for next fis-

cal year. There is, of course, the possibility that we will have to look for further expense cuts to ensure our budgets are accounting for the current economic realities. If additional cuts are necessary, they will be made in ways least likely to impact our core mission of providing students with an outstanding values centered education.

In summary: Regis remains in good shape in spite of the current economy. That's why the parking lots are still full! Our focus is to ensure Regis' economic stability is preserved well into the years ahead. We have every expectation that Regis will continue to deliver challenging classes and what the Jesuits call "cura personalis" (personal support) to our students...in spite of the changing economy.

Signed,  
**Fr. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J.**  
President of the University

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Recession from front page

# Recession prompts big economic debate

There is still debate among policy-makers and economists, however, on whether or not the stimulus package is, in fact, necessary and, if it is, what the best course is for government action.

"The false haste with which Obama and the Democrats are pushing the bill betrays their unwillingness to have Americans learn what's in this garbage pail," said former CO State Senate President John Andrews, a Republican. "The bill will pass, but its effect will be to harm our liberty while doing little for our prosperity."

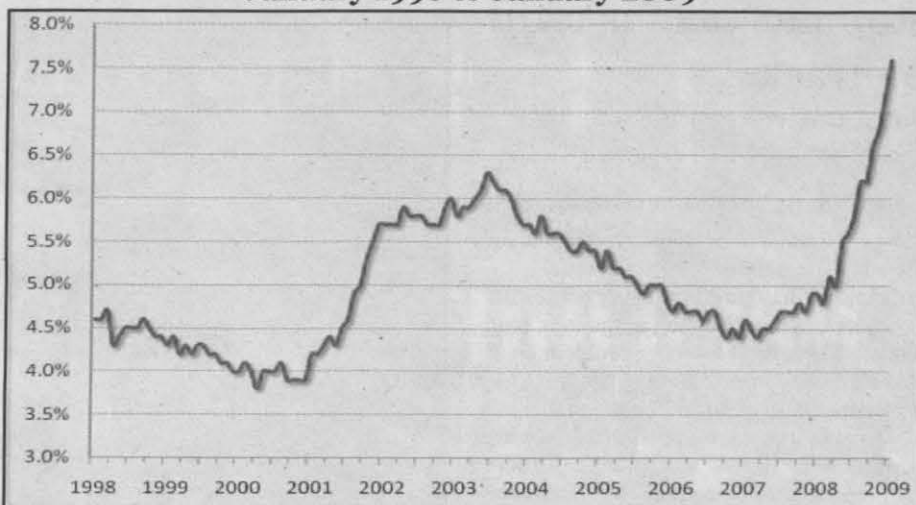
Dr. Koenigsberg, like many other economists, disagrees. They look at the differences of this recession com-

"Notwithstanding reports that all economists are now Keynesians and that we all support a big increase in the burden of government, we the undersigned do not believe that more government spending is a way to improve economic performance."

The ad lists the names of 256 economists from various colleges and universities across the country, including three Nobel Prize recipients, who firmly disagree with the assessment that government action is required.

"[T]he Obama administration's claim that its stimulus package will create up to four million jobs is outlandish," said CATO economists Ike

Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted  
January 1998 to January 2009



The United States unemployment rate saw a steady decline following the recession that took place in the early 21st century. It has been on the rise since the start of the recession in December of 2007, culminating at 7.6%, a rate not seen in over two decades. (Source: PerotCharts.com)

"Obama was elected based upon the feeling that he would bring hope and renewal to this country...He's in there to inspire hope and strength, not to promote doom and gloom fear-mongering."

pared to previous recessions, seeing it as more comparable to the Great Depression than anything since, which adds to the need for action. Some, albeit a minority, are even arguing that the country may have already succumbed to depression.

"As for depressions, there is no official definition, except to say that they have existed in the past," said David Rosenberg, chief economist for Merrill Lynch, in a recent commentary. "There were no fewer than four in the nineteenth century, one in the twentieth century and we are very likely enduring another one today."

Still, some Americans are not satisfied.

"He reminds me of the Mad Hatter, you know, running around saying, like the Chicken Little, the sky is falling, and the sky's not falling in. It's time that we sit back and we take a good, hard look at what's really going on," said Phil Perington, a conservative Democrat who served as chairman of the Colorado Democratic Party from 1996-1998.

"It's all been a smokescreen. Obama was elected based upon the feeling that he would bring hope and renewal to this country, and now all he's doing is bringing venom and destruction and bad news-there's no talk about hope," he said. "He's in there to inspire hope and strength, not to promote doom and gloom fear-mongering."

But while some Americans share these sentiments and view Obama's statements as exaggerations, many economists disagree, affirming that not only is the United States a nation in crisis, but the programs the government is putting together are necessary.

"It's sort of like if you had a parent who was dying of cancer and the remedy was selling your house and spending \$30,000 a month to keep them alive. If you felt that there was a chance they could get through those next few months and they could turn around, you would do it; you just don't have a choice," said Dr. Koenigsberg.

"Really the option in this case would be just allowing our economy to go as low as it would go, and that would start to look like the Depression, and it's really not an option. The reality is that the cost of that pill is humungous, it's absolutely huge, but the cost of not doing it is so much greater that we just have to," she said.

The CATO Institute, a libertarian think tank, recently released a full-page ad declaring that,

Brannon and Chris Edwards in a recent article. "[M]any top macro-economists are critical of the plan including Harvard University's Greg Mankiw and Stanford University's John Taylor, who...noted that 'the theory that a short-run government spending stimulus will jump-start the economy is based on old-fashioned, largely static Keynesian theories.'"

There are recognized issues with the package as well. In the spring of 2008, the Bush administration injected tax rebates similar to what Obama's plan calls for, intended to stimulate demand and investment in the economy. According to Martin Feldstein, CEO of the NBER, only 16% of the checks were spent, while nearly five times that amount was used to pay off loans and debt.

Economists continue to debate the public works programs of the Great Depression era, as some believe infrastructure spending on programs like the Works Progress Administration were ineffective in reducing unemployment, which averaged 17.2%. It is also anticipated that many of these projects will not be instituted for as many as two years, when the recession could be on the way out.

Many economists, however, believe that taking both legs of fiscal policy-taxes and spending-together in such a way will provide the potential for a quicker turnaround.

"They're hoping that by charging at it with both they will benefit from the advantages of both and offset the disadvantages of each to the extent that they can," said Dr. Koenigsberg.

"It's that in combination with everything else that's been done, because while that's going on we still have the financial bailouts happening, and we also have monetary policy working again," she said. "And so, taking all those things together, I think it's very likely that they are going to slow our slump and possibly make sure that we don't hit as big a bottom [as we could]."

Opponents have also expressed concern over the bill's debt implications. The government has already spent significant portions of \$700 billion appropriated for bailouts of the financial industry in the fall, adding to the concerns of ineffectiveness worries about the debt that, with interest, will surpass \$1 trillion, making the current stimulus package the largest spending bill in U.S. history.

"I think the big problem with the

stimulus package is the Republicans are all of the sudden born-again fiscal conservatives after they spent 8 years spending like drunken sailors. Now all of the sudden they're complaining that

"The worst is yet to come, so people will need to anticipate that this is a different time than we're used to. This is a different kind of recession."

we want to go out and spend money," said Darryl Eskin, an executive director of the Colorado Democratic Party during the 1990s.

"So the biggest problem right now [is] why they can't get it done is because the Republicans are pretending that they're fiscal conservatives in order to be able to fight the Democrats on it in the hopes that the stimulus package will not work and that Obama

looks like a failure," he said.

Republicans in the House, who unanimously opposed the House stimulus bill, and in the Senate question the contents of the stimulus package, however. They are instead fighting to trim spending in the bill and cut tax rates, believing such proposals to have a greater chance for success.

"I think cutting tax rates instead of giving rebates to people would do far more good in stimulating the economy," said freshman Phil Eidsness. "[P]eople will have more money to spend in every paycheck and are more likely [than with tax rebates] to spend it because less is being taken away from them."

The Senate is expected to vote on its version of the bill today.

"The worst is yet to come, so people will need to anticipate that this is a different time than we're used to," said Dr. Koenigsberg. "This is a different kind of recession."

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# Stimulus package a go, or no?

## YES: Obama's stimulus plan is right on track

**Bobby Guerrero**  
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States on Tuesday, January 20. With his much-anticipated inauguration finally come and gone, we can start looking at the long road ahead. The largest looming problem on this road is by far the state of the American economy.

In recent months, the American people have been faced with hitherto unforeseen problems in the American economy. The tumultuous and unregulated previous years have potential to bring gloom and doom, not to mention the absolutely dreaded "economic depression." These fears stem from several sources. The housing bubble being burst like a cheap water balloon was the first of these foretelling events. When the "housing crisis" hit, banks (and investment banks) began losing money so rapidly they could barely scrape by with enough to avoid bankruptcy or failure. Some weren't even that lucky (recall the bailout of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Citi Group, etc). In turn, banks simply stopped lending funds. In turn, businesses and consumers find that they cannot borrow money for necessities. In turn, both manufacturing and retail have went down the tubes. And in turn, we are now facing a 7.2% unemployment rate and, despite being a much-contested metaphor, conditions not seen since the 1930's.

Today, economists are scrambling to analyze and assess the problem and prescribe a solution. Prior to this recession, many thought that our economy was in fact depression-proof. Since it is now apparent that without any kind of action from the government, America could swing much too close to depression. And now that this is clear, economists are taking sides.

Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize winning economist who died in 2006, was one in support of monetary policy (the supply, availability, and interest rate of cash) as a depression preventative. He also stressed that tax-cuts were sufficient action on the government's part to pull the country out of depression-like conditions. The head of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, has been pumping money into our economy at a more-than-generous level. Alongside this maneuver, the Federal Reserve has cut the Federal Funds rate to probably the nearest it can get to zero. Yet the economy remains sour and it is clear that the time for using monetary policy adjustments has passed.

Followers of John Maynard Keynes (a deceased British economist) on the other hand have been advocates for fiscal policy in the form of massive deficit spending as the prescription for our ailing economy. We have already tried lowering interest rates and offering banks more liquidity, now is clearly time to subscribe to the "Keynesian" school of economic thought. Money spent on infrastructure, health care, and education will not

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only help get the economy back on its feet, it will provide money for America's greatest resource, its people.

Today, the debate is generally over whether we should pursue a monetary policy fix that emphasizes spending or tax cuts. On one side of the debate are Republicans who favor tax cuts and Democrats who favor infrastructure spending.

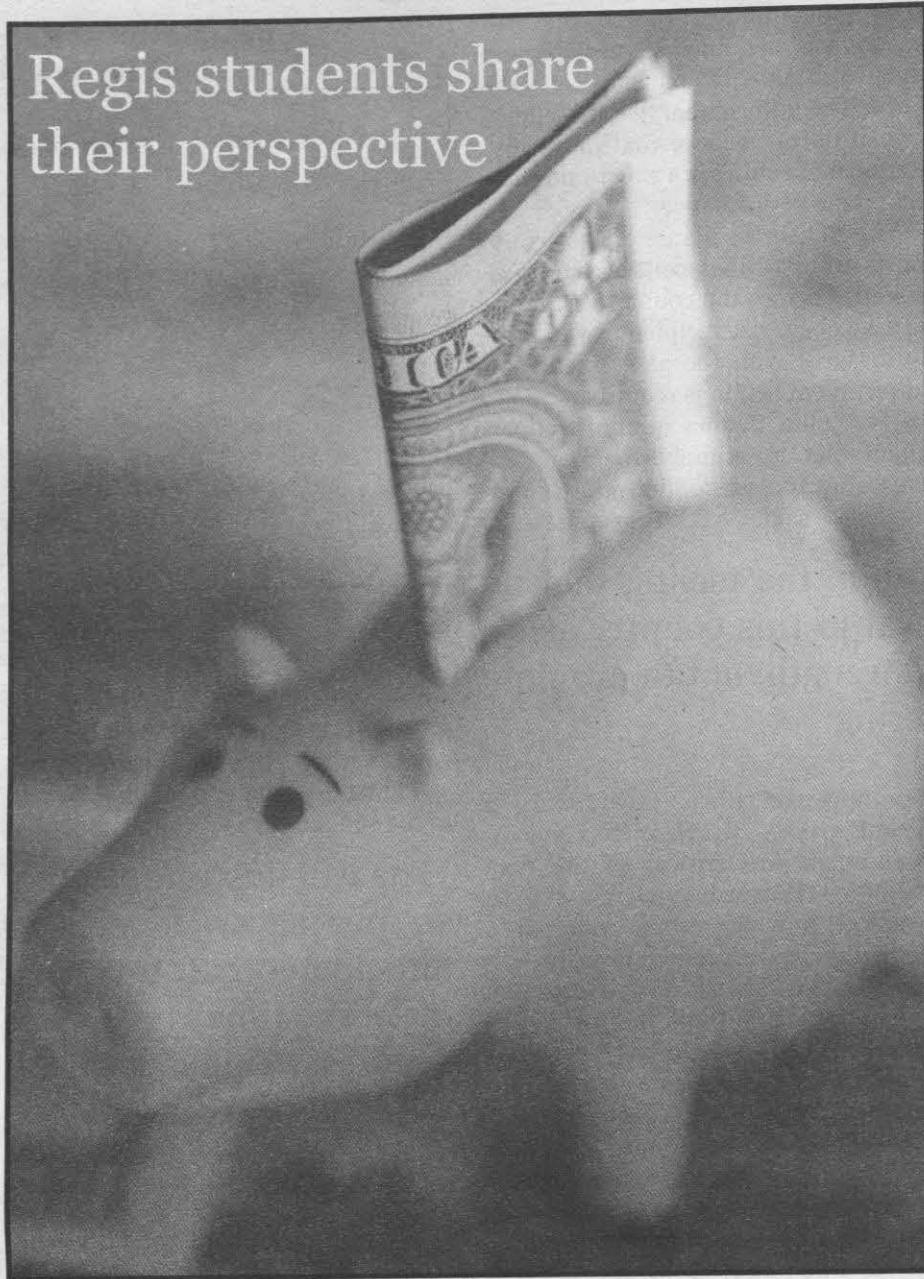
The Republicans that favor tax cuts seem not to realize that this is the path that has been pursued for the past eight years. The low tax rates for big businesses seemed to be a good idea in the past. Yet this idea of trickle-down economics (policy that says helping those at the top of the pay grade first is best) may be the reason our economy is in the state it is today.

The Obama Administration's plan, on the other hand, is fully on the right track. On Saturday, January 24th, President Obama went into more detail on his plan for an economic stimulus. This package could end up costing upwards of \$820 billion. The main selling points of the President's plan are a way to prevent workers from losing health-care coverage, improve public schools, fix roads and sewage systems, lower energy costs, and ensure that everyone can afford a college education.

Investment spending of this caliber does two jobs. Firstly, it creates jobs (via the infrastructure improvements that will require labor, purchasing materials, manufacturing, etc.) that have an immediate positive effect on the economy. Secondly, it brings our country into the future. With new roads, bridges, schools, energy grids, and technology, America can ensure that it will remain the superpower of the world and not slip into the abyss of a depression.

Crudely and repetitively, Obama won and the Republicans lost. The American people wanted a president to take action and turn our country around. This is precisely what Obama is doing, yet the Republicans playing their party politics are trying to stand in the way. Now is the time for action and action is what the Obama Administration is taking.

Regis students share their perspective



## NO: Stimulate with tax cuts, not giveaways

**Jimmy Sengenberger**  
Staff Writer

The United States of America is at an impasse. Congress, pressed by President Obama to act quickly to prevent "catastrophe," is on the verge of spending more than \$800 billion on a "fiscal stimulus package" intended to jumpstart the economy, with roughly \$300 billion in tax rebate checks and \$500 billion in infrastructure spending.

Hundreds of economists, however, have expressed their deep concerns about the government's plan for dealing with the recession, and a review of the effectiveness of such policies as those proposed reveals the folly of tax rebates and government spending as fiscal stimulus.

**1. Tax rebates do not boost consumer spending.** According to economist Martin Feldstein, CEO of the National Bureau of Economic Research, when tax rebates went out as economic stimulus last spring, only around 16% of the checks were actually spent, with nearly five times that amount going into savings. Most of the rebates were used to pay off loans, not to buy new products and services, and the stimulus package utterly failed to preclude the recession.

In 2001, tax rates were reduced and tax rebates went out to make up the difference.

While the economy improved after the tax changes, evidence suggests that the rate reductions, not the rebates, did the trick. A late-2001 study conducted by economists Matthew Shapiro and Joel Slemrod of the University of Michigan and NBER found that only 22% of those households receiving

stimulus checks spent the money.

Furthermore, by the time the checks would be in the mail, the economy may be improving, as happened, according to Steven Weisman and Edmund Andrews of The New York Times, in the 1970s. If implemented now, the benefits of a tax rebate stimulus—a small burst in increased consumer demand—are minimal at best and will not outweigh the substantial costs.

**2. Faulty policy is not worth the debt risk.** While the value of the dollar has lately gained in strength, it still has the potential to continue its recent decline. As its value goes down and creditors like China see their own GDPs shrink, creditor concerns over their holdings of U.S. bonds will rise, resulting in the likely increase in interest as they rethink their holdings. By spending \$800 billion on a stimulus package that will likely have minimal effect, the U.S. government is essentially assuming even more debt, which is already at \$10.7 trillion, at greater national risk.

**3. Infrastructure projects will not work.** Obama intends to spend around \$500 billion on infrastructure projects and public works programs, including transportation projects, intended to create jobs and boost consumer confidence. Yet when Herbert Hoover and FDR tried such programs in the 1930s to tackle the Great Depression, unemployment remained in the double digits up to World War Two, averaging at 17.2%.

According to the Heritage Foundation, federal spending rose from "3.4% of GDP in 1930 to 6.9% in 1932 and reached 9.8% by 1940. That same year-10 years into the Great Depression-America's unemployment rate stood at 14.6%." In sum, massive increases in government spending did not result in noticeable economic improvements.

Even if infrastructure spending were to have positive effects, an early analysis of the Congressional Budget Office found that just 7% would be spent by next fall, with only 64% reaching the economy by 2011-likely after the country has entered into recovery.

**4. Japan's "lost decade."** Japan's "lost decade" of economic growth of the 1990's presents an excellent case study for the suggested package. Over a period of seven years, the government implemented eight different, large stimulus packages much like Obama has proposed.

According to The Wall Street Journal, during the 1990's, the Japanese government, faced with many of the problems we are confronted with today, tried giving out loans to businesses, boosting infrastructure spending, buying bad assets off of banks and distributing tax rebates, among other Obama-esque policies.

These policies resulted in an increase in Japan's debt-to-GDP ratio from 68.6% in 1992 to 128.3% in 1999. In essence, government spending in Japan skyrocketed in ways very similar to Obama's proposals, yet the economy did not experience noticeable improvements until the current decade.

**5. An alternative proposal.** The government must instead institute wide-ranging, permanent, pro-growth tax rate cuts, starting with making the Bush tax cuts permanent and expanding them. Beginning in 2010, the Bush rate reductions on income, capital gains (investments) and the estate tax will start to dissipate. With the dire need for capital injections into the market, allowing the 15% capital gains rate to return to the 20% rate would discourage investment in the economy. Instead, the capital gains tax should at least be cut in half to 7.5%, if not temporarily expunged for all investments begun this year and kept for no less than two years, so as to incentivize greater investment.



# Admire the chaos, God provides peace

**Robert House**  
Contributing Writer

Did you know that if we made a copy of our solar system to scale and Jupiter were the size of the period at the end of this sentence, Pluto would be 35 feet away from the sun? This fact scares the crap out of me. There is so much space out there. And it is filled with so little.

I have no idea how that all works. I simply don't know enough about astronomy. But I do know that if the gravitational pull of the sun were a little bit stronger or a little bit weaker, our planetary system wouldn't have worked out. And that is really amazing.

Not to mention the fact that planet Earth is the perfect distance from the sun to sustain human life. Or the fact that all of the atoms that make up my body work well enough together to sustain my life but they have no idea that they are doing it.

All of these thoughts reassure me that life will work out in the end. I, like far too many of us, often get slipped up on the small things that ruin my day. Or I get overwhelmed with school and friends and relationships. But, in the end, it always seems to work out in the long run.

The collections of atoms that are each of us work together so that we live and grow and learn and become friends. It works so well and so randomly that I know that God must exist.

Imagine the tranquility that can be found halfway between the here and Pluto. There is nothing there to distract you. It is just you in a perfect vacuum surrounded by nothingness. Try to imagine it. I certainly cannot imagine how very peaceful that experience would be.

But I do know what can bring me close to that: friends, family, dates and prayer.

Friends are those to whom I turn when the world seems to have entirely fallen apart. They keep me sane and prevent me from spinning off into space. They would be the ones that show me the great beauty of the planet in the distance of the vast universe.

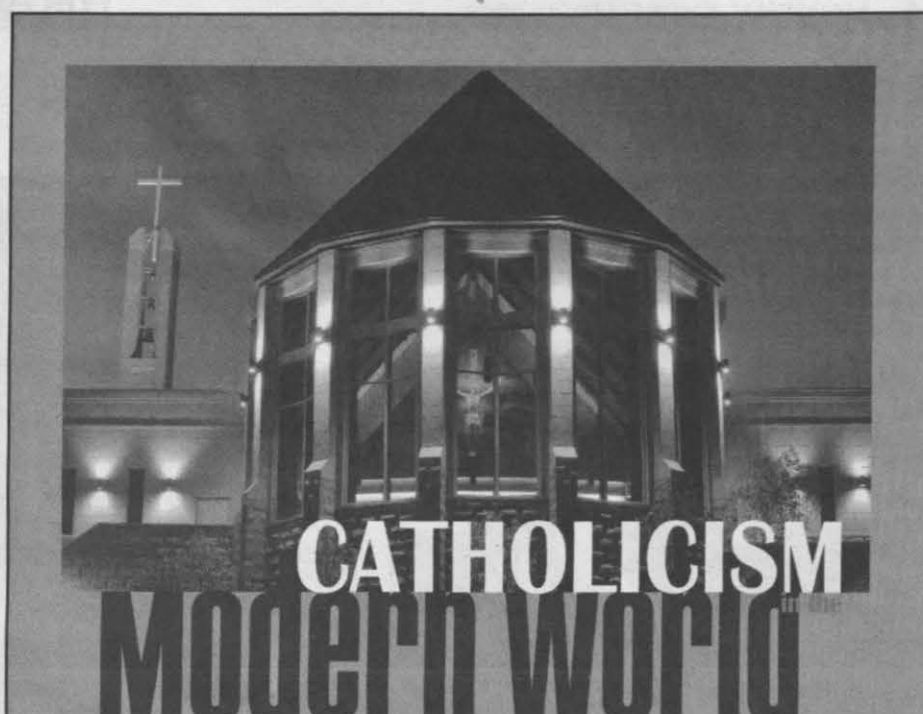
Family provides me with grounding. They remind me that I was created just the way I am because had my parents bonded at a different time that day, I probably wouldn't be here. They would be the ones that remind me that the universe was created the way it was for a reason.

Dates remind me that smiling is important. To see a smile of true joy from across the table reminds me that my collection of atoms are able to bring joy into the world. They would be the ones that show me the intricate details of a planet and help me find joy in that detail.

And prayer most importantly builds my relationship with God. Simple repetition in the Rosary reminds me that repeating things is not always bad, and is often very relaxing. It would be the one to help me find the beauty in the vast, ordinary darkness of the universe.

Yet far too often these things raise our blood pressure, not make life easier. Friends anger us when they say something mean. Family drives us up the wall when we visit home. Dates can break our hearts or our spirits. But God, the beauty in the darkness is always able to relax me.

So, even though I might just be a floating around in the darkness of space, I always know that there is a beautiful creator who shows us the way to find beauty in that darkness.



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**REGIS UNIVERSITY**  
Learners Becoming Leaders in the Jesuit Catholic Tradition

## No: Recession from previous page

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has proposed that the 25% income tax rate be reduced to 15%, thereby "establish[ing] a flat-rate tax of 15% for close to 90% of workers." Such targeted tax cuts would give the economy the boost it needs to create jobs and increase consumer demand and investment. We must then slice the corporate tax rate from 35%, the second-highest in the world, to 25%, the average in Europe. This would expand incentives for businesses to create jobs in America and lessen the enticement to outsource.

If the Bush tax cuts expire, taxpayers will reduce spending in anticipation of the expirations, stunting the benefits of the rebates further. Alternatively, the knowledge that tax rates will be cut and individuals will be permitted to keep more of their income will give a sense of comfort to the beneficiaries.

By cutting marginal tax rates now, the short-term effect will be a rise in consumer confidence, resulting in a boost in consumer spending. Despite popular misconception that the Bush tax cuts did not work, the long-term relief that came in the form of broad-based tax rate reductions in 2003 resulted in the largest single-quarter GDP growth in 20 years, 7.2%, and the creation of 8 million new jobs through 2007.

The president has disappointingly labeled such contentions against his plan "old," "phony," "worn out" and "tired." Yet history has shown that the net benefit of such stimulus packages is minimal, and he who does not learn from history is doomed to repeat it.

A fiscal stimulus of tax rate cuts, not tax rebates or infrastructure spending, would stimulate an economic recovery by putting more money in people's pockets long-term and increasing demand in the short-term. That is the kind of economic policy that would do America the most good.

## In response to "Faculty for Gaza" from "Those for a Sustainable Peace"

We are fortunate to live in a country and work at an institution that encourages dialogue around complex issues. From that perspective, we would like to reply to the letter in the January 26th Highlander. We applaud the commitment to expose students to a broad range of information about the Israeli-Palestinian issue and we know that we share a very real concern for the people of Gaza and of Israel.

A few comments: The letter states that Israel has the fourth largest military in the world. Actually, it is ranked 23rd ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_size\\_of\\_armed\\_forces](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_size_of_armed_forces)). The letter mildly reproves Hamas for targeting civilians in southern Israel, but does not call for an unconditional halt to those attacks. The "eye for an eye" citation is used in a negative sense, whereas the origin of the phrase has to do with determining what the attacker owes the victim (Babylonian Talmud). Clarification of these and other points along with a broader geopolitical and historical view of this issue is important if we are to critically analyze the problem.

Further, it would be useful for all of us to read the Hamas Charter and similar documents from Israel and the UN as we grapple with the issues of human

rights, justice and the common good. The Hamas Charter can be found online along with many other documents that shed light on the rather complex background of the area. ([http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/mideast.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/mideast.asp)) or (<http://www.cfr.org/home.html>) or (<http://www.mideastweb.org/hamas.htm>). Readers may note that the Hamas principles, even in 1948, called for the destruction of Israel and the killing of Jews. Current principles and positions use the fictitious Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which was used by Hitler to justify the Holocaust, and also allude to the destruction of the Vatican and Catholics. Teaching our students broadly means that we are willing to bring complex issues to the table without suggesting that there are always simple solutions, especially since our students are going to have to solve problems in a world that includes suicide bombers and terrorist groups.

There are, of course, many other areas of geo-political concern that merit discussion, including issues of genocide in Darfur and the horrific sex crimes in the Congo, as well as the torture of Muslims in Myanmar. We should not overlook issues surrounding our own ongoing involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, not to men-

tion our actions in some of our own cities. If what we hope for our students is the ability to be leaders towards a peaceful world, then we must provide them a multiplicity of concerns, views, issues and philosophies, along with the encouragement that they learn to ask appropriate questions and form their own opinions.

When we speak of the conflict in the Middle East our language is too often interpreted in absolutes. If we are "for" something we are seen as "against" something else. Gaza has become shorthand for Hamas and Israel for Jews; the people in the region have become lost not only in the conflict but also in the discussion of it. It is important to remember them and to remember that they are all indeed human and as such are blessed by G-d. Warfare in the Middle East between Palestinians and Jews has gone on for far too long. Let us hope together that a lasting solution is found soon so that those living there can share in the glories of peace.

Respectfully,

Elisa Robyn  
Lynne Montrose  
Glorianna W. Tillemann-Dick  
Mercina G. Tillemann-Dick  
Tyler Brown  
Peter Bemski



# BE MY

# valentine

**Dad,**

Thanks for always being there to cheer me up, getting me a Starbucks for late-night study nights, and calling me every morning to make sure I'm up!

Love, Maricor

When you moved back home you brought my heart back with you.

Love, You have no idea how hard it has been!

## ...love notes

To my ohana, and the great people I have encountered at Regis...May love spread through your lives and embody your souls. I love you all! Priscilla, Cassidee, Nikiya and Mel--ya'll have my heart. :)

Love,  
Jade

**Mom and Dad,**

Thank you for always being there for me, supporting me through the stresses of college and everything else. Know that I love you, and am so sorry for not saying that every single day. I miss you, and I'll see you soon! Tell the dog I said Hi!

Love, Kiddo

**Hey Babe,**

I just wanted to let you know you're the best gf a guy could ever have. There weren't any day, minute, or second I wasn't thinking of you. I miss you a lot and can't wait to see you in May.

Love, J.R.G.

Hey, I like you. A lot.

-Your secret admirer

John, thinking of you. And sending X's and O's.  
Be my valentine?

Love, Sarah

**To my little Cheesecake,**

I'm so glad I'm getting to know you more. I hope we can continue to be good friends and maybe more. You are probably the sweetest man I've ever met. XOXO

~ Love,  
Your Gummy Bear

Even though you frustrate me with your secrets, I am still glad that I am with you this Valentine's Day!

Love,  
M

**Dear Honey Bunches of Oats,**

You rock my socks off! I'm so happy you are in my life and I cherish every minute I spend with you.

Love,  
Capt'n Crunch

I love you my cuddle buddy! Have a great day!

Love,  
My Theme Song is "I Kissed a Girl"

**My Bubu Lubu,**

Eres el amor de mi vida y quiero estar contigo para siempre. Te amo con toda mi alma

Feliz día de San Valentín! Mmmmuah!!

Today, Tomorrow, Forever,  
Your Lil Pumpkin

VOTE FOR  
PEDRO.

(INSIDE  
JOKE.)  
MISS YA  
BABE!

**To my Mom**

I miss seeing you everyday, and thank you so much for everything you have given up for me or helped me achieve. You will always be there and are truly my best friend

Love,  
Your Oldest Daughter

To my crazy friend who believes in social government...Have a great Valentine's Day!!

From, Anonymous

**Chuck-in-da-knees,**

Thanks doing my laundry and picking up my empty cereal bowls among the many other things you do for me. I know I can always count on you for your constant love and support! I appreciate you so much and love you with all my heart! Happy Valentines Day ya old farts!

Love,  
Your busy, successful, wonderful, and intelligent daughter!

"In my opinion, the best thing you can do is find a person who loves you for exactly what you are. Good mood, bad mood, ugly, pretty, handsome, what have you, the right person will still think the sun shines out your ass. That's the kind of person that's worth sticking with."

Babe,  
I think the sun shines out of your ass =).  
Love ya!



# Time

## what makes the perfect boyfriend/girlfriend?

THE HIGHLANDER ASKED SEVERAL REGIS STUDENTS TO DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WOULD WANT IN A BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND. THE HIGHLANDER SUMMARIZED YOUR ANSWERS. HERE THEY ARE!

### GIRLS WANT A MAN WITH...

#### NICE HAIR

We're not talking McSteamy, Patrick Dempsy fluff here. But show that you have some sort of hygienic routine, and girls will be impressed. (You shouldn't take longer to get ready than she does though...)

#### A BRAIN

Several Regis girls agreed that some males at Regis need to start behaving like adult men, with equally mature cognitive function. Lack a brain, and girls will NOT be answering your calls.

#### A DECENT VOCAB

Using four-letter expletives in every other sentence is a big turn-off. If you're able to use some fancy words, in the correct context, we'll be impressed.

#### CONFIDENCE

Regis girls are looking for a guy who walks the campus like they own it! Being self-assured and suave is not a bad thing, but guys, be careful not to mix confidence with cockiness.

### BOTH: YOU CAN NEVER GO WRONG WITH A GOOD PERSONALITY

We are all different and there is always someone out there who will find something different attractive so the best thing to do is be yourself. Be proud of who you are!

### BOYS WANT A WOMAN WITH...

#### A SWEET DEMEANOR

We want a girl who will call just because she was thinking of you; someone who knows how to cheer us up when we're down, and a girl that will appreciate our geeky Star Wars pajamas.

#### A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR

Guys are looking for a chic who doesn't take life too seriously. A girl that can make men laugh is always a good sign that she can have a good time and get the job done too!

#### CULINARY SKILLS

The way to a guy's heart is through his stomach. If girls can whip up a mean NY Strip and apple pie for dessert, she's got a guy's approval.

#### CONFIDENCE

Guys are looking for a girl who likes herself and knows who she is. If a girl knows she's worth it, guys will too. Again girls, be careful not to be too proud (no matter how awesome you are). Being conceited is not cute!

#### LOVELY LADY LUMPS

Let's face it, ladies. Guys want a good-looking woman. Granted, each man has a different idea of beautiful. And guess what? YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL! So work your stuff! And take care of yourself! Work your curves, and guys will notice.





## Regis softball fell in season opener double header to Fort Hays State

**Brianna Workman**  
Graduate Assistant, Sports  
Information

Denver, Colo.: The Ranger softball team opened their season going 0-2 on Saturday in a double header series against Fort Hays at home.

Regis (0-2, 0-2 RMAC) started off the first game grasping an early two run lead in the first inning. Sophomore Alisa Heronema started off the bottom of the first with a triple down the left field line before freshman Natalie Adami walked and stole second. Both runners scored on a single up the middle by freshman Maegan Cooley.

Going into the top of the seventh,

Regis had a two run lead, 7-5, over the Tigers with just three outs to be played. Before those three outs were reached, Fort Hays scored a total of five runs on five hits. Adrian Mohr singled to the right side to start off the inning before Hallie McMillen and Cortney Brown each drew an out.

From there, the Tigers went on a two out rally started on a single to right field by Alex Eaton which scored Mohr. The last out came when Caleigh Duran lined one into the right center gap and was thrown out at second after trying to stretch her hit into a double.

Maureen McDaniel scored the Rangers lone seventh inning run on a solo homerun before falling to the

Tigers 10-8.

To start off the second game, Fort Hays took the first lead in the top of the second. Regis tied the score at one in the bottom of the fourth when sophomore Emily Anderson homered to right center field. Fort Hays retaliated with two more runs in the top of the fifth before Regis answered back with one. After scoring one more in the bottom of the sixth, the game was tied at 3.

Neither team could get a run across the plate for five more innings taking the game into an 11 inning stretch. Chelsea Luther started off the top of the 11th with a single up the middle and was advanced to third on another

single up the middle by Sara Tani. Duran singled down the left field line scoring Luther to put the Tigers up by one.

With one out, Heronema singled up the middle to put the tying run on first. After Adami singled to the right side Heronema reached second before a fielders choice would advance both runners one bag. With two outs and the winning run on second, Regis was unable to score either runner ending the game at 4-3 in favor of Fort Hays.

Leading the Rangers on the day was Heronema going 6 for 10 with two triples. Adami went 4 for 9 while Anderson went 3 for 9.

## Lady Rangers fall 88-87 in double overtime to Nebraska-Kearney Lopers

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Information

Denver, Colo.: A 34 point career high by senior Paulina Tuell wasn't enough to keep the Lopers at bay Friday night in Denver with Nebraska Kearney grasping the victory 88-87 in double overtime.

The first half was an extremely close fought battle with the score being tied a total of eight times before the second period. Regis (10-10, 7-5 RMAC) took an early two point lead at the 19:39 mark on a jumper by Tuell.

That lead increased to six by the 17:19 mark which would be the greatest lead, obtained once more during the half, that the Rangers would have over the Lopers in the first 20 minutes of play. The Rangers went into the locker room at the half with a two point lead, 34-32, over Nebraska-Kearney (12-8, 7-5 RMAC).

As the possession clock switched with the half so did the lead. The Lopers went ahead by three at the 18:27 mark

on a three pointer by Loper Jade Meads. After trading baskets for almost two minutes, the Lopers went on an 8-0 run to have a 13 point lead with 13:17 remaining.

That lead was short lived as the Rangers went on a 14-2 run themselves coming within just one at the 9:17 mark. Kearney kept Regis at bay withholding a small lead as points were matched until there was just 4:55 remaining when the Rangers tied the game at 64. The lead changed with every basket until it remained tied at 69 from the 1:08 mark until the final buzzer sounded.

To start off the overtime period, Kearney snatched the lead on two made free throws by Meads at the 3:55 mark. A short 40 seconds later, the score was tied again. While the Lopers went ahead, they couldn't hold onto the lead as it was back and forth until the score again reached a tie at 79 with 11 seconds left in the overtime period. With neither team able to score with the time remaining, the game went into double overtime.

At the 4:18 mark Regis grasped a two point lead on a jumper by Tuell before Kearney scored two points of their own on free throw shots by Meads. Giving the Rangers another four point lead, Tuell scored her 34th point of the night to set the score at 85-81 with just 2:12 remaining.

Two more Loper free throws brought them two points closer before senior Jenny Vieira bumped the Rangers up by another two.

With just 1:05 left in the overtime, Meads made two free throws to bring them within just one of the Rangers. After gaining possession, Regis missed a layup attempt that Kearney's Jonni Mildenberger was there to grasp the rebound on. She dribbled down the court before missing a layup that would be rebounded by teammate Debi Johnson who scored the final basket and winning point for the Lopers (88-87).

As a team the Rangers scored 34 field goals on the night. Behind Tuell in scoring was Vieira with 16 points.



PHOTO BY Brett Stakelin

Sr. Lauren Luebke faces off with a player from the Lopers for the ball.

## Men's basketball suffers close 66-63 loss to Nebraska-Kearney Lopers

**Jeremy Phillips**  
Sports Information Director

The Regis Ranger men's basketball team fell in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action 66-63 to the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers at the Regis Fieldhouse. Regis held a tight 33-31 lead at halftime but was unable to hold off the Lopers in the second half.

Neither team led by more than six points in the first half on several occasions by Nebraska-Kearney (7-12, 4-8 RMAC).

The Rangers (6-14, 3-9 RMAC) were able to take a lead when they finished the first half on a 10-4 run to take the 33-31 intermission lead.

Regis held the lead until Loper forward Drake Beranek, who had a game-high 28 points, hit a jumper with 14:11 remaining. The Rangers were able to tie the game two possessions later when junior guard Jason Burke-Kavros hit a driving layup.

That would be as close as the Rangers would get the rest of the way.

Junior guard Matt Rosinski hit a three-point bomb to close the gap to 63-60 with 1:08 left, but the Lopers went up by four 24 seconds later when Richard Marion hit 1-of-2 from the free throw line.

Rosinski, who had a team-high 20 points, hit another three-pointer with 21 seconds remaining to cut the lead to one point. Two free throws by Jeremy Cruise put UNK ahead again by three with just 18 seconds remaining.

Regis then missed on their next possession and the rebound went to the Lopers Beranek. All he had to do was make 1-of-2 from the charity stripe to seal the game with seven seconds remaining.

Fortunately for the Rangers he missed both and with no timeouts the Rangers advanced the ball up the court.

However, junior forward Joseph Odugbela's three was just off the mark and UNK got the rebound for the 66-63 win.

Following Rosinski's 20 points was junior center Bill Brandenburg's 12 points, while Burke-Kavros had his first double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Senior guard Andy Pokorny chipped in with nine, while Odugbela came off the bench for seven points.

Regis men's basketball will face Colorado Christian at 7 p.m. on Fri. Feb. 13. Sat. Feb. 14 the men's basketball team will play Colorado Mines at 7 p.m..

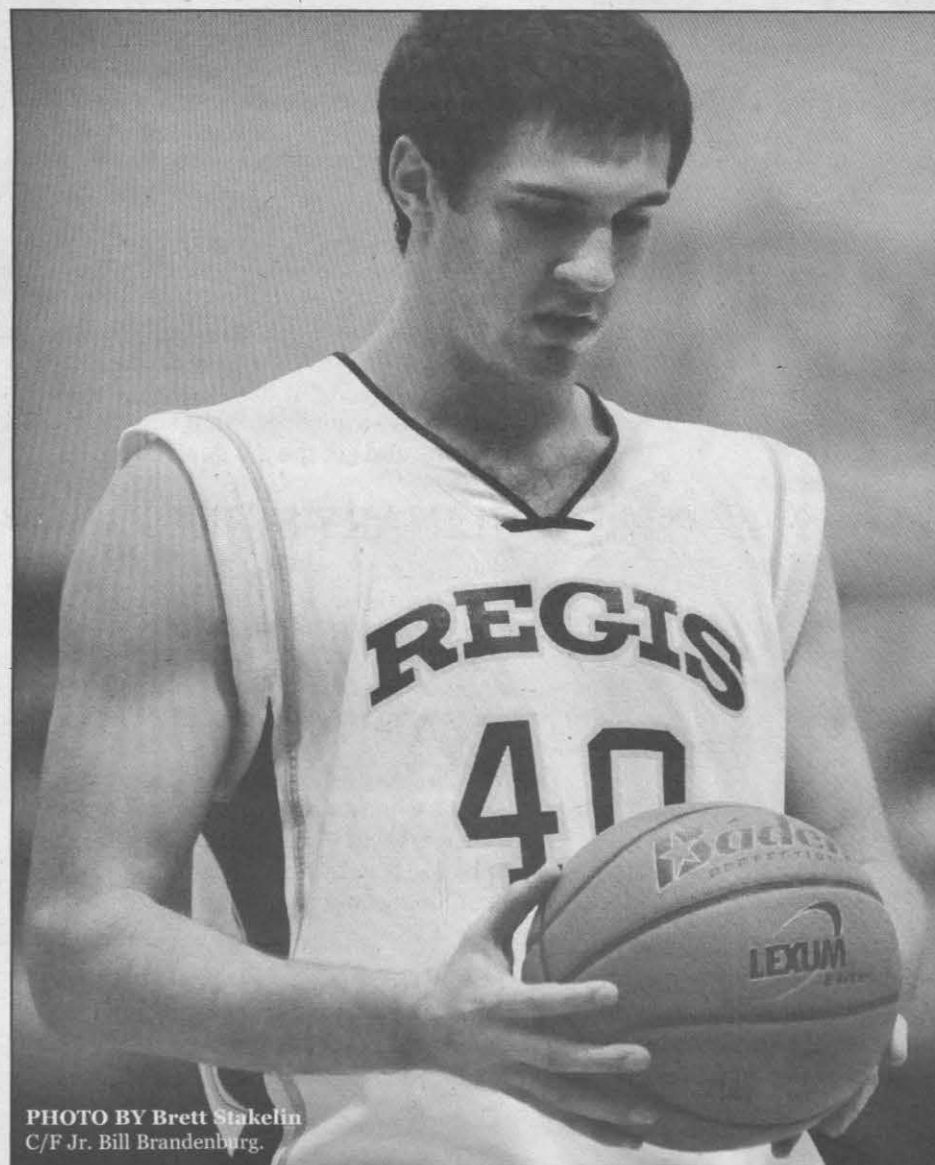


PHOTO BY Brett Stakelin  
C/F Jr. Bill Brandenburg.



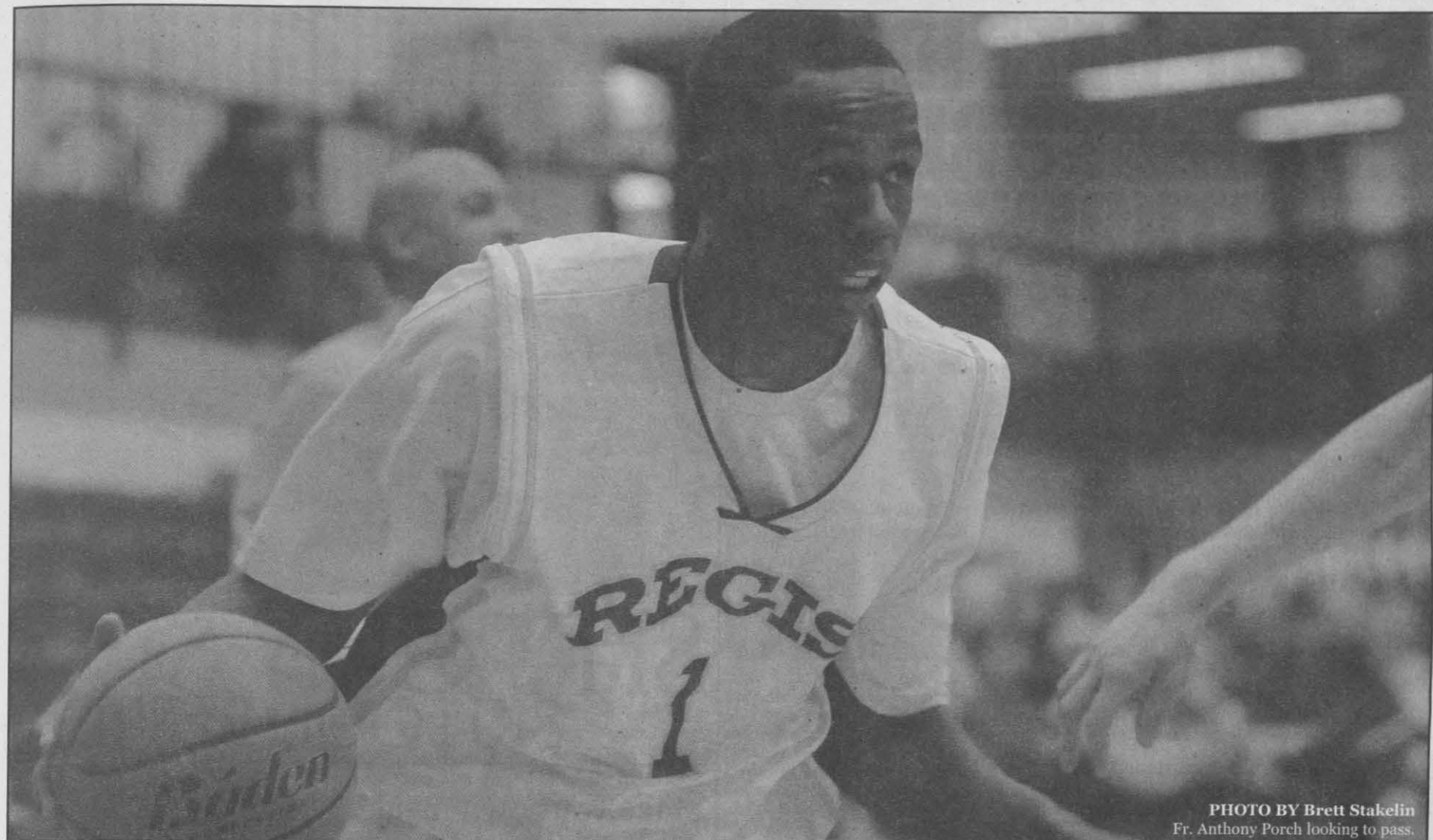


PHOTO BY Brett Stakelin  
Fr. Anthony Porch looking to pass.

## Ranger men's basketball loses 67-51 to Colorado Mines with lowest point total of the season

**Jeremy Phillips**  
Sports Information Director

The Ranger men's basketball team couldn't find their shooting touch tonight as they dropped a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference contest to Colorado Mines, 67-51. Regis shot just 35.7 percent from the floor tallying their lowest point total of the season.

The first half was a war of attrition as neither team shot over 30 percent

from the floor. They combined for 15 turnovers, 38 rebounds and just 15 made baskets. The two teams went into halftime with Colorado Mines holding a 22-19 lead.

Someone must have taken the lid off of the baskets for the second half as they offense improved. Regis (6-12, 3-7 RMAC), trailed by two points with just over 10 minutes left in the game when Colorado Mines (10-8, 5-5 RMAC) went on a 10-2 run over the

next four minutes and held off the Rangers late to win going away 67-51.

The Rangers were outrebounded 26-10 in the second half, including allowing Mines to get 11 offensive rebounds. Regis was outrebounded in the game 45-29 while shooting just 35.7 percent from the field. Regis was 9-for-14 from the charity stripe, while Mines hit 23 of their 34 free throw attempts.

Regis was led in scoring by junior guard Matt Rosinski's 19 points, while

junior forward Joseph Odugbela chipped in with 10 points. Guards Andy Pokorny and Jason Burke-Kavros both hit for nine points, but Regis was only able to get four points from the rest of the team.

Mines was led by Dale Minschwaner's double-double of 20 points and 11 rebounds. All-conference performer Kyle Pape pumped in 15 for the Orediggers.



PHOTO BY Brett Stakelin  
Sr. Paulina Tuell guards the ball against an aggressive defense.

## Rangers drop second straight in 76-71 loss to Colorado Christian; three Rangers score in double digits

**Brianna Workman**  
Graduate Assistant, Sports Information

Denver, Colorado: Regis fell for the second straight time in as many games after their 76-71 loss to Colorado Christian Saturday evening at Colorado Christian.

each other from taking a large lead over the other. Regis battled back from their deficit to take a two point lead at the 9:40 mark on a jumper by junior Emily Kuipers. That lead shortly diminished as it fell to one and then to a tie just a short 27 seconds later.

The Cougars took the next lead and held onto it for the remainder of the

"Beginning the second half, both teams fought a close battle keeping each other from taking a large lead over the other."

Regis took a commanding lead to start the game off by going on a 21-4 run through the 11:56 mark. The Cougars responded by making a run of their own scoring 31 to just nine Ranger points. This run put Colorado Christian up by five, 35-30, going into the half.

Beginning the second half, both teams fought a close battle keeping

game. Colorado Christian claimed the victory 76-71.

Leading the Rangers in scoring were senior Paulina Tuell, junior Lauren Luebbe, and sophomore Chelsea Porter with 24, 12, and 12 points respectively.

Regis will face Colorado Christian Fri. Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.. Sat. 14 they will face Colorado Mines at 5 p.m..

Visit [regisrangers.com](http://regisrangers.com) for full schedules and current updates about all the teams in season. Only a few home games left in the regular basketball season!



# CHEAP DATE IDEAS for BROKE REGIS STUDENTS

1. Grab a cozy blanket and stargaze on the Quad with your significant other.
2. Learn how to make fancy meals with your Microfridge! Go to <http://all-recipes.com/Recipes/Everyday-Cooking/Campus-Cooking/Microwave/Main.aspx>
3. Go to Venice On The Boulevard!
4. Walk to Safeway together and buy a quart of ice cream, pre-made brownies, some bananas, and chocolate syrup. Enjoy making a banana split together.
5. Set up a mini photo studio, get the photos printed, and make a collage. Aww, memories!
6. Walk to the dollar store and go hunting for a perfect \$5 gift for your loved one. Aim to find the gift in 10 minutes.
7. Rent some romantic flicks from the Dayton Memorial Library!
8. Buy some construction paper and crayons at the bookstore and make an authentic Valentine's Card for your hunny.
9. Use your buspass and take the 52 down to 16th Street Mall for a romantic stroll.
10. Burn a CD of your significant other's favorite songs!

## HIGHLANDER HOROSCOPES

*by Mistresses of the Cosmos*

### Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a very intense week for you, maybe even more so than midterms and finals week! This week, you are freaking out because this is Valentine's Day weekend. You feel pressure to do something for Valentine's Day. Sometimes though you need your alone time. So just ignore this holiday and lay in bed.

### Pisces

(Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Get your head out of the clouds! Valentine's Day has gotten you out of touch with reality, and you are hoping and dreaming of that perfect Valentine's Day date. Unfortunately you really need to get over this nonsense idea. Nobody is perfect and neither will be Valentine's Day. So just enjoy yourself no matter what your plans are. And if you are lucky to have a date, be appreciative for their efforts!

### Aries

(Mar. 21-April 19)

Traditionally you have a very aggressive personality. The fact that this week is full of love does not ease your aggression. Try to hold back though and be happy for others even if you are not happy with your personal life. And remember red may be the color of aggression but try looking at the color in a different light and let love in for one night. You may be surprised by the results.

### Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

You think you have this weekend all planned out because you think you have finally found a date for Valentine's Day. Sorry honey, it turns out that he is just *not* that into you. So this Valentine's Day just stay in bed watching movies with the support of your two best friends, Ben and Jerry.

### Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Waiting is the name of the game you are currently playing with a potential love interest. Stop playing the game and make a move. This is the perfect weekend as love is actually all around.

### Cancer

(June 22-July 22)

So this Valentine's Day you are feeling a lot of pressure from everyone but your significant other. Ignore the pressure and just do whatever your significant other wants. Just because consumerism tells everyone else to do cheesy, romantic things doesn't mean you have to do something special too.

### Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Life is crazy busy for you right now and will just get more busy but it looks like a love interest may pop up out of nowhere. Don't make excuses about how you have to do this, that, blah, blah. Just seize on the intense attraction and go on Brett Michael's Rock of Love tour bus!

### Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Get prepared for this week because it will be one of your best. The outlook on schoolwork is looking manageable. But even if that workload gets overwhelming, the weekend will make up for the stress. Just the atmosphere of Valentine's Day will lift your spirits to an almost untouchable level of happiness.

### Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

This week did not start off great for you. But don't freak yet mid-week. Cupid will work his magic and hit you with a dose of infatuation. Take this new relationship slow and it will last longer. Otherwise good luck on finding a guy for Valentine's Day on such short notice.

### Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Forget that friend of yours. They have been bitten by the love bug and only want to spend their time with their significant other. Sorry to be so blunt but I'm just protecting you from their over the top PDA and their only desire to listen to sappy love songs like NSYNC's "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You."

### Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

There is no love from a significant other this Valentine's Day but don't despair. I have good news for you; you have awesome friends that are in a similar situation. So don't sit around sad and depressed! Get out this Valentine's Day and have a girls' night. You show the world you don't need a man!

### Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is not what you want to hear the week of Valentine's Day but dump your current significant other. Reality check: You have known that this was coming for a long time so just do it already. You cannot work this out.



## SHY GUY'S SKI FOOD REVIEW

Make your own meal  
when hitting the  
slopes

Brett Stakelin  
Photography  
Editor



As spring break quickly approaches, I would like to take a look at a cost cutting alternative to dropping a good 'ole

Hamilton and a half on a lousy sandwich. (That's \$15 for the disinclined in monetary presidential knowledge.) My guess is that many folks will be hitting the slopes over the break, and costs add up, especially with the country's current economic status. So here's an easy way to stay full while going easy on your wallet.

Packing one's own lunch might sound lame--that is if you are thinking of a smooshed PB&J sitting in the bottom of your pack. But for those with more sophisticated tastes, let's make some real food.

Vail Ski Resort graciously offers the use of two large grills atop their Blue Sky Basin area. (And you thought the jacked up lift price was just for skiing.) Just to point out, these grills have no catch, no hidden fees. Yes, they are free.

So what to do with a nice hot grill? Cook on it. A nice poundage or two of ground beef will usually run a couple dollars, and can feed you and your posse of gnar shredding bros.

Pick up some cheap buns, cheese (cheddar slices are delicious) and some barbecue sauce. The sauce is optional, but you'll look like a sophisticated high-class cuisine-meister when you crack open that bottle of gourmet BBQ sauce.

Another tip: It's best to distribute the goods between people in the group. Putting the beef in a plastic bag might be a good idea too. Who wants raw beef juice spilling all over their pack after a mid morning tumble down the steeps? I sure don't.

When you get to the camp, open up the beef and make some patties and lay those suckers on the flame and watch

them cook to perfection. I have found that after flipping the burger once, coat the other side in BBQ to let the flavor cook in, and then add some more afterwards if you want. And always let the cheese melt; it'll get all over your

For the cost cutting and tasty homemade goodness, this ski meal definitely tips the scales with 4 star rating.

hands. But chomping down on all that cheesy deliciousness be worth it. And you know it. Also, at this point, you should really try your best to fend off the old men who are eating their pre-wrapped sandwiches from inside the hut and are jealous of your mastery of the grill.

The entire cost of this meal might just equal the cost of that fancy pre-wrapped sandwich and a cookie, but split the cost between your friends (or hungry onlookers), and you have yourself a stellar deal.

For the cost cutting and tasty homemade goodness, this ski meal definitely tips the scales with 4 star rating.

### Shy Guy's Homemade BBQ Burgers

1 lb. ground beef  
Cheese slices (Cheddar is good.)  
A dozen burger buns  
BBQ sauce (Your choice.)  
Salt & pepper (Optional, to taste.)

1. Form ground beef into patties using hands or a mold: Grab a tennis ball-sized piece of beef and flatten it into a patty. Be sure the patty is the same thickness on the edges as it is in the middle. Each patty should be about 3/4 inch thick. To account for shrinkage during cooking, make the patties at least 1/2-inch larger in diameter than the buns you'll be putting them on.

2. After first flip, coat other side with bbq sauce.

3. Place cheese slices on top and let melt.

4. Place burgers on bun (toast on grill too, if desired). Enjoy!



## JIMMY'S BLUES SPOTLIGHT

# The Other King of Blues

## Freddie "The Texas Cannonball" King

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If you're ever asked to name a famous bluesman, chances are you'd answer B.B. King, the man who has had a reputation, going way back to the 1960's, for being known as the "King of the Blues." But B.B. wasn't the only influential blues musician to bear the last name "king."

Frederick Christian, known as Freddie "The Texas Cannonball" King, was born on September 3, 1934 in Gilmer, Texas. He began learning guitar from his mother and uncle at the young age of 6, and when his family moved to the southside of Chicago at 16, Freddie eagerly snuck into local blues clubs to listen to some future legends in person.

There he witnessed first-hands such greats as Muddy Waters, T-Bone Walker and Howlin' Wolf, experiences inspiring him to lead his own career as a blues guitar player, starting as a sit-in for many of Chicago's influential bluesmen. Like blues guitarist Jimmy Rodgers, Freddie was unique in playing with a plastic thumb pick and a metal pick on his index finger.

At age 18, working in a steel mill by day and playing gigs at night, Freddie married Texan Jessie Burnett, with whom he had a total of 10 children.

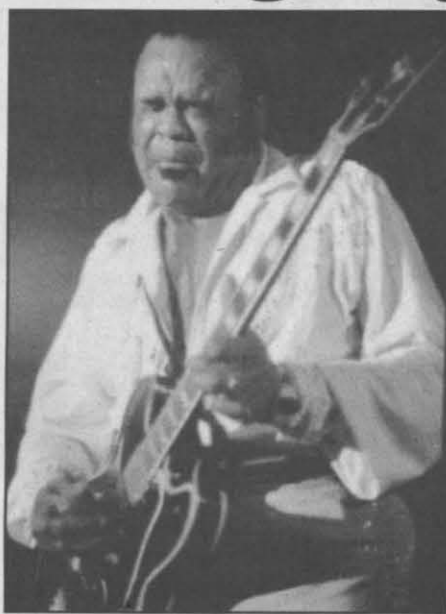
His music career got off to a relatively slow start as he recorded with smaller, local record companies throughout the 1950's until when, in 1960, he signed with the King/Federal label.

There Freddie recorded two of his most famous songs for the first time: "Have You Ever Loved a Woman," an emotional song immersed in powerful guitar licks and covered by the likes of Eric Clapton, and "Hide Away," a mid-tempo blues shuffle in the key of E that served as one of his most successful hits and drove him to #29 on the U.S. pop chart. The song was purely instrumental and included no words whatsoever.

"They expect work, they does, hard work. And if you're working hard and enjoyin' it, they'll enjoy it too," he once said.

After the success of "Hide Away," Freddie recorded a series of other instrumental songs, including "San-Ho-Zay," helping to drive up his popularity with young whites in a time when the Civil Rights era was burgeoning in the United States. He went on to record with such R&B legends as James Brown and Sam Cooke and found fame and a new, bigger record deal after several appearances on the R&B show "The Beat."

"Freddie King is another bluesman whose work deserves more recognition," Harvey Pekar noted in the *Down Beat Review* in 1969. "His playing has something in common with B.B. King's, but he is obviously his own man. King is a fine technician and his



**FREDDIE KING, BLUES ROYALTY**  
Freddie "The Texas Cannonball" King may be a lesser known Blues' master, but his talent is immense. His two most famous songs include "Have You Ever Loved a Woman" (covered by Eric Clapton) and "Hide Away" (a middle tempo blues shuffle that made #29 on the *Billboard* Top 100 list and #5 on *Billboard* Top R&B Charts in 1961.)

playing swings more than most blues guitarists."

Freddie's popularity grew astoundingly in Britain, so much so that when he toured Europe in 1967, he extended what was originally supposed to be a one-month tour to a three-month excursion. It was in Britain that he was picked up by the likes of Clapton, on whom his influence was substantial. His first album with RSO, Clapton's

label, in 1974 even had Clapton as producer and sitting in on some of the songs.

Clapton even went on to cover Freddie's hit "I'm Tore Down," bringing it to the top charts for the second time. The first was Freddie himself.

Every concert he had, King always tried to work in the audience. "Can you feel it?" he often asked once, twice, even three times until he was satisfied with the loud reaction. He toured heavily on through 1976, when, after sustaining some heart problems, he finally died of heart failure on December 28. His music and influence has lived long past his death at the young age of 42, appearing through such famous guitarists as Vaughan and his older brother, Jimmie, Eric Clapton and the young contemporary blues rocker, Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

"I would love to have played with Freddie King," Keith Richards, guitarist for the Rolling Stones, once remarked. "I kind of understand the way he died, I kind of recognized in Freddie King a similar spirit. He had too much energy to burn and was trying to calm down after a high and just calmed down too much."

Every time he picked up the guitar and let it rip, Freddie King was sure to make it so that the listener could feel his music. With fast-paced yet soul-wrenching licks and heart-pounding rhythms, Freddie, the 25th Greatest Guitarist of All Time according to *Rolling Stone* magazine, always gave fans something to enjoy.

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# COMMUNITY/CAMPUS EVENTS

## Tuesday, February 10 2009 Career and Internship Information Fair

Just imagine yourself in a new career. The Career & Internship Career Fair will help you by providing an opportunity for you to network with 65 employers from a variety of industries. The Fair will be held in the Student Center Cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## David Kuria Speaks: The Global Issue of Water and Sanitation

The Sullivan Program at Regis University is pleased to host, David Kuria, the 2008 Ashoka Fellow of the Year. Headquartered in Kenya, David is using Social Entrepreneurship to solve the largest global social issue: water and sanitation.

Born in the slums of Kenya, Kuria is an entrepreneur, an architect and a water sanitation expert who has collaborated with governments and international NGOs to successfully build hygienic sanitation facilities in informal settlements.

Kuria will speak in the Mountain View Room of the Adult Learning Center from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information on Kuria's public talk, please contact Beth Parish at bparish@regis.edu or at 303-458-4368.

## Wednesday, February 11 Jesuit Mission Group

In January, students, staff and faculty involved with the Romero House program traveled to El Salvador. They went to learn about the life and legacy

of Archbishop Oscar Romero, hear the stories of people affected by the country's violent past, and share daily life with the everyday people for whom Romero stood up and spoke. Katie Maslanka, Romero House Coordinator, and students from the current Romero House community will share stories of their transformative experience in the "paisito grande de corazon" - the little country big of heart.

The lunch and conversation will take place from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the Mountain View Room in the Adult Learning Center.

## Thursday, February 12 Islam: Black American Experience

The Institute on the Common Good and the Greater Denver Interfaith Alliance are sponsoring a talk by the Imam of The Islamic Association of Desoto, Texas at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel.

Imam Yahya Abdullah's remarks will focus on the current face of Islam from a Black American experience and also about the position of Islam in the Black community. This event is free and open to the public.

## Thursday, February 19 Colorado Multicultural Career & Internship Fair

This unique event is a strategic partnership among leading Colorado colleges and universities, the City and County of Denver and the State of Colorado, who all share the common goal of connecting student and alumni talent of color with employers com-

mitted to diversity.

The 2009 Fair will embrace the theme of sustainability, encompassing corporate initiatives and environmental stewardship as research indicates 85% of students are pursuing careers at sustainable organizations.

The 2008 Colorado Multicultural Fair showcased students from 22 Colorado schools and over 65 organizations.

The event will be held the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at 6363 Hampden Ave., Den. CO 80221 from 1-5 p.m. Register now at: multiculturaltalent.com.

## Friday, February 20 Hospitality House Applications Due

Hospitality House is a community of students who live in the Residence Village and whose focus is to promote Christian hospitality around campus. They share in meals and prayer, host a weekly mass in the RV commons, host alcohol-free events on the weekends, and are hospitality ministers at the 7:30 p.m. student Mass.

If you are interested in being a part of Hospitality House for next year applications are now available in University Ministry. There will be 3 informational sessions to learn more about this opportunity: Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m., Thursday Feb. 12 at 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday Feb. 17 at 4:00 p.m. All info sessions will take place in the Student Center room 210 (University Ministry conference room).

If you have further questions please contact Colleen O'Grady at x4192 or

cogrady@regis.edu. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. in the University Ministry office (2nd floor of the Student Center).

## Sunday, March 1

### FASFA Due

Enrollment Services reminds all students, staff and faculty that March 1 is the priority date for students to reapply for 2009-2010 financial aid (covering summer 2009, fall 2009, and spring 2010). Students should go to the federal website, www.fafsa.ed.gov, and complete their 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), using Code 001363 to apply for aid at Regis University. This priority date is extremely critical for students in order to continue receiving their scholarship, grant, and student employment funds for next year.

The date is also critical for work-study students and their work-study supervisors who want to continue receiving student employment assistance during fall 2009. Student employment funds are very limited and students who apply after the March 1 priority date may not be awarded! Supervisors: Please remind your students!

## Mon.-Fri., March 2-6

### Spring Break!

The Highlander wishes everyone a week of rest and relaxation!

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## DML LIBRARY HOURS

The Dayton Memorial Library will be on reduced hours as a result of a staff vacancy within the Access Services Department until further notice.

- Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

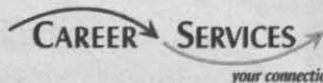


## 2009 CAREER & INTERNSHIP INFORMATION FAIR

Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Regis University, Lowell Campus  
Student Center, Dining Hall

There will be employers from the nonprofit and business sectors represented.  
An opportunity to meet with several professional associations.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CAREER SERVICES  
303-458-3508 or 800-388-2366 ext. 3508, [careers@regis.edu](mailto:careers@regis.edu)

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